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The following Soviet activities were noted on the Soviet-Iranian border near Dzhulfa (N 38-54, E 45-38) between 14 September and 8 October 1953:

14 September: The Iranian border commander and his staff were invited by the Soviet border authorities to Dzhulfa, where a party was given in the Iranian commander's honor.

15 September: Twenty-three jeeps moved toward Dzhulfa.

16 September: Forty-three jeeps moved toward Nakhichevan (N 39-12, E 45-24).

21 September: Thirteen jeeps moved toward Nakhichevan. In addition, one freight train consisting of 28 cars, of which four cars were carrying four guns each, five cars were carrying one heavy gun each, and seven cars were filled with soldiers, moved toward Nakhichevan.

22 September: Eight heavy guns were transported to Nakhichevan.

23 September: One freight train consisting of 26 cars, carrying 24 guns (of which six were heavy guns), six antiaircraft guns, and nine carloads of armed soldiers, moved toward Nakhichevan. The train was escorted by an airplane. It was observed that certain sections of the railroad were being repaired in the Dzhulfa area and that some of the workers were women.

24 September: One freight train, consisting of 36 cars, of which 10 were carrying tanks (one in each car), four were carrying guns (four in each car), four were carrying heavy guns (one in each car), two were carrying antiaircraft guns (two in each car), and 10 were filled with soldiers, moved toward Nakhichevan.

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3 October: One freight train consisting of 28 cars moved toward Nakhichevan.
One gondola carried 12 antiaircraft guns and 12 machine guns.
The rest of the cars were the closed box type and their contents
could not be identified.

4 October: At 0350 hours a freight train consisting of 60 cars moved toward
Nakhichevan. Because of darkness the load was not distinguishable.

6 October: A freight train consisting of 28 cars with soldiers moved toward
Nakhichevan. Many military tents have been observed approximately
one and one-half kilometers from Dzhulfa.

7 October: A freight train, consisting of 33 cars, moved toward Nakhichevan.
One of the gondolas carried 13 antiaircraft guns and a heavy large-
caliber gun. The others were closed box cars.

8 October: A freight train, consisting of 60 cars, moved toward Nakhichevan
during the night. The cars were all gondolas, of which 10 were
carrying heavy guns (one gun in each). and the rest (50) were loaded
with trucks full of soldiers. A second freight train, consisting of
27 cars, moved toward Nakhichevan during the day. Of the 27 cars, 10
were loaded with guns, seven contained soldiers, and the rest were
closed box cars.

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